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Applicants note that an English language abstract has been provided for Hua, B., et al., "Borrelia Burgdorferi may be the Causal Agent of Sarcoidosis" and Paunescu, E., et al., "Preliminary Results Concerning the Use of a New Rifamycin Derivative in the Treatment of Sarcoidosis". It is Applicants' intent that this English language abstract serve as a concise explanation of the relevance of this reference in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3)(i).

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